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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON
ZAIRE APRIL 13.

1. PARAS 2-7 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR APRIL
13 BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED:

2. Q: THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE U.S. IS SIGNALING A
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NEW POLICY OF DISENGAGEMENT TOWARD AFRICA. DO YOU HAVE
ANY COMMENT?

A: I THINK IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED ITS INTEREST IN AFRICA. AMB. YOUNG
HAS ALREADY VISITED AFRICA, WE HAVE WORKED IN CLOSE
CONSULTATION WITH THE UK ON FOREIGN SECRETARY'S OWEN'S

PRESENT TRIP TO AFRICA, WE HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, WE HAVE ENCOURAGED AND FULLY SUPPORT NIGERIAN EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE SITUATION ARISING FROM THE HOSTILITIES IN THE SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE, WE EXPECT TO INCREASE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA, WE HAVE DELIVERED, WITH OUR ALLIES, A DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING NAMIBIA AND WE ARE ACTIVE IN OTHER WAYS. WE FORCEFULLY ADVOCATE AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THE ELIMINATION OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN

AFRICA AND I DON'T CONSIDER THAT DISENGAGEMENT. IF ANYTHING OUR INTEREST IN AFRICA HAS INCREASED BUT WE WISH IT TO BE A COMMON INTEREST WITH AFRICANS.

3. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON STORIES THAT THE INVADING FORCES MAY BE OPENING A SECOND FRONT NEAR KOLWEZI?

A: WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

4: Q: IS IT TRUE THAT ZAIRIAN PLANES HAVE BOMBED TWO VILLAGES IN ZAMBIA?

A: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS ACCOUNTS AND HAVE NOTHING TO ADD.

5: Q: ARE THERE ANY AMERICANS IN THE AREA?

A: THERE ARE SOME AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN THE AREA, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OF ANY AMERICAN CASUALTIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6: Q: WHEN WILL THE ZAIRIANS RECEIVE THEIR NEW C-130?

A: THE C-130 IS CURRENTLY ON THE PRODUCTION LINE AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY IN MAY.

7. Q: HOW WILL ALL THIS EQUIPMENT BE SHIPPED?

A: NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE MODE OF SHIPMENT. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MARSHALLING THE MATERIEL FOR ONWARD TRANSPORT. VANCE

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